

**Governor's Commission on Family Farms
January 3, 2001 Minutes
Hardin County Extension Office
Elizabethtown, KY
10:00 AM**

Members present: Jim Naïve, Chairman; Bill Atkins; John Berry; Sharon Furches; John-Mark Hack; Kirby Hancock; Susan Harkins; Hampton "Hoppy" Henton; Denise Hoffman; David Kash; Luther Mason; John Medley Jr.; William Brandon Reed; Secretary Allen Rose; Mike Stivers, representing Commissioner Billy Ray Smith and Bob Sparks.

Absent were: Karen Armstrong-Cummings; Alice Baesler; Ron Catchen; Don Halcomb; Mark Haney; Janet Johnson; Chris Kummer; Sylvia Lovely; Mattie Mack; Kenneth Mattingly; Al W. Pedigo and Bonnie Tanner.

Staff Present: Joel Neaveill, Ashley Davis and Angela Whitehouse

Guests included: Dr. Harold Benson, Director of the Land Grant Program, KSU; Louie Rivers with KSU; Marion Simon with KSU; Sharon Burton with The Farmer's Pride; Jody Hughes with Department Employment Services; Ron Boone with WIEL-WKMO-WR21 and Susan Goddard with Workforce Development Cabinet.

Chairman Naïve called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Angela Whitehouse board secretary called roll.

Minutes of the October 31st Commission on Family Farms meeting were approved as written.

Ashley Davis, Public Information Officer for the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy introduced the Governor's official website, www.kyagpolicy.com for information and questions on all of the present committees and members.

Jim Naïve, Chair opened floor for discussion with members on the Strategic Planning Committee priorities set in 1998 and revision for the next two years.

Bill Atkins, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee introduced members of the Strategic Planning Committee and their role on the committee. Ms. Atkins recommended expanding the Strategic Planning Committee to include Sharon Furches and John-Mark Hack to take on the role as mediator to the other boards to update and help one another know each boards priorities. Also included was the Department of Agriculture, Mike Stivers, representing Commissioner Smith, to set priorities for the next two years. Ms. Atkins requested that members who serve on other related Boards or Commissions present brief reports at Governor's Commission on Family Farms meetings in order to facilitate better communication.

Jim Naïve, stated other boards should work together and follow the executive order to set the priorities for the next two years.

Joel Neaveill, facilitated a priority setting session based on the Commissions 1998 priorities.

Commission reconvened at 1:00.

Jim Naïve, Chair called meeting to order and reopened floor for other business.

John-Mark Hack informed the Commission that the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board grant applications are available on the website to everyone.

Dr. Harold Benson, Director of the Kentucky State University Aquaculture program indicated the need for support from the Commission in advocating the continuation of the program.

Sharon Furches discussed the recommendations made by the Kentucky Agriculture Resource Development Authority board to support legislation lifting the weight limits for transporting agricultural supplies to farms and agricultural products from farms.

➤ With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

All copies of meeting materials can be obtained at the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

